

LATE DEPARTMENT NEWS.

THE PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION.—Despite the rainy weather the President's reception this afternoon was largely attended.

TO-DAY'S BOND OFFERINGS.—Bonds were offered to-day as follows: 4s, \$40,000, at 107 1/2; 4 1/2s, \$113,000, at 108 1/2 and 109.

COLONEL LA MOTTE DEAD.—The War Department has been informed of the death of Colonel Robert S. La Motte, stationed at Fort Supply, Indian Territory.

NEW CONSULAR CLERKS.—The President to-day appointed William D. Hunter of Minnesota and Carl A. Hausman of Missouri to be consular clerks of the United States.

A DEFICIENCY BILL APPROVED.—The President to-day approved the bill making an appropriation to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the contingent expenses of the House of Representatives.

NAVAL ORDERS.—Paymaster S. R. Calhoun has been detached from the Norfolk Navy-Yard and ordered to the Osage; Paymaster John W. Jordan has been detached from the Osage and ordered to settle accounts and take sick leave.

INTERNAL REVENUE APPOINTMENTS.—The following were made to-day as follows: Louis Levy, storekeeper, Louisville, Ky.; Charles J. Cecil, storekeeper, Cecil, Ky.; A. P. Black, storekeeper and gauger, Dardanelle, Ark.; and John W. Dickerson, storekeeper and gauger, Wartall, Tenn.

THE NEW RULES.—The Civil-Service Commissioners have not yet reported on the new rules governing the appointment of clerks in the Railway Mail Service. Clerks who have been appointed prior to the new rules will not have to stand any examination other than that required by the Postoffice Department known as the ease examination.

The President sent to the Senate to-day the following nominations:

Lyman Strickland of Maine, to be Collector of Customs for the district of Annapolis, Md.; O. Bailey of Indiana, to be Attorney of the United States for the district of Indiana.

Postmasters: W. E. C. Worcester, Hudson, Mo.; George Davidson, Mass.; John E. Steadman, Mauch Chunk, Pa.; Frederick H. Bryan, Newton, Pennsylvania; James O. Howell, Asheville, N. C.; C. F. Barrett, Madison, Tenn.; C. E. King, Brook Haven, Miss.; J. M. Goode, Pratt, Minn.; A. T. A. Glass, Cresco, Iowa; C. Kemp, Maywood, Ill.; Francis J. Welsch, Springfield, Ill.; J. C. E. Stoezel, Louisville, Ohio; T. N. Robbins, Niles, Ohio; D. McDonald, Pomeroy, Ohio; Alphonse Becket, Florence, Kansas; J. J. Fitzgerald, Madison, Idaho.

THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

The Commissioners by their action to-day in granting a barroom license to Carl Heinrich for premises 417 Thirteenth street, decided that "the complaint is against the man and not the place." Godfrey & Holden were refused a license for these premises because they had been convicted of selling liquor on Sunday. They sold to Mr. Heinrich, who is related to the brewer of that name, and when application was made by the new proprietor he was granted a license.

THE ROCK CREEK BRIDGE.

Messrs. John W. Thompson, George Truesdell, O. C. Green, Gardner Hubbard, James E. Fitch, Herbert Viele and others appeared before the Commissioners to-day in the interest of the proposed iron bridge across Rock Creek on a line with the extension of Massachusetts avenue. There is a bill in Congress providing for this improvement and these gentlemen urged the Commissioners to use their best endeavors to have the bill passed. The Commissioners were favorably impressed with the project.

EXEMPTION OF MORTGAGES.

The Commissioners have reported to Chairman Hemphill on the bill referred to them, providing for the exemption from taxation of mortgages and other securities held by building and mutual loan associations. They say that it seems eminently proper that the securities in question should be exempt, if for no other reason than because the property upon which such securities are based is assessed and pays taxes in its character as real estate. For several years no attempt has been made to collect any tax on the property of these associations particularly mentioned in the bill, for the reason that it was deemed untaxable under existing statutes.

VARIOUS LOCAL MATTERS.

Postmaster Ross has requested the Commissioners to have an examination made of the plastering in all of the rooms in the Seaton School Building as it has been reported to be in a dangerous condition. He suggests that it be done at once so that any necessary repairs can be made during the Christmas holidays.

Abraham Fisher has written to the Commissioners that he is about to erect seventeen houses on C street and Tennessee avenue northeast, and requests that a sewer be extended up C street in addition to the one to be laid on Tennessee avenue.

A building permit was granted to-day to C. H. Parker to erect two dwellings, 907 and 909 Desmond alley, to cost \$1,000.

The Commissioners have acknowledged the receipt of \$12,057.24 from Charles M. Matthews, trustee, left by the late Peter Van Esen of Georgetown to the "free white schools of Georgetown."

Henry Dickson has been notified by the Commissioners that the building rented from him, 2906 Q street, for school purposes, is rendered uninhabitable for such purposes by the backing of sewer water under it, and unless the defect is remedied they will have to abandon it.

THE FOUNDING HOSPITAL.

The Board of Lady Visitors of the Washington Hospital for Foundlings met at the hospital, 1715 Fifteenth street, this afternoon. Reports were read and after luncheon a tour of inspection was made and the ladies were much gratified at the promising work of the new institution.

She Might.

From Harper's Bazar.

They were talking of her.

"I hate the name of Smith; don't you, Miss Ethel?"

"Indeed I do, Mr. Walstreet. If it were mine I'd change it."

"What?"

"Well, I don't know. Walstreet, perhaps, if I got the chance" (this very demurely).

And then Mr. Walstreet, remembering it was leap-year, blushed and told Miss Ethel she would have to ask him mother.

IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

MR. RIDDLERBERGER WANTS MR. INGALLS DEPOSED.

Why He Offered His Resolution Providing For Election of New Senate Officers—The House Agrees to Adjourn From December 21 to January 7—Expenses of the Ford Committee Called Into Question.

The resolution providing a reorganization of the Senate after January 1 was laid before that body to-day. Mr. Riddleberger said the object of the resolution was to put some other than the Senator from Kansas in the Chair. Referring to the charge that he (Riddleberger) had been disorderly in the Chamber, he asserted that the Senator from Kansas (Mr. Ingalls) had been a prompt answer to the most disorderly scene he could recall.

He contended that a change was necessary in order that the faith of the Republican party pledged to a consideration of the British extradition treaty in open session might be kept.

At the conclusion of his remarks Mr. Riddleberger asked leave to withdraw the resolution. Mr. Harris, after paying a high tribute to Mr. Ingalls as an impartial presiding officer, moved to lay the resolution on the table. Finally Mr. Riddleberger was allowed to withdraw his resolution and the incident was at an end.

Mr. Blackburn offered a resolution authorizing the printing of 2,500 extra copies of the Health officer's report.

A petition from property-holders to leave the Georgetown and Tenleytown Railroad to build along the Tenleytown road to the road's terminus was presented.

A number of reports on District bills were presented.

The Tariff bill was then taken up.

HOUSE.

In the House to-day Mr. Phelan asked unanimous consent to discharge the Committee of the Whole from the further consideration of the bill incorporating the American Historical Association, and asked present consideration of the measure. No objection was made and the bill was passed.

A large number of the most prominent historians of the country, among them George Bancroft, as incorporators of the association and authorizes the association to collect papers and articles of historical value and relating to the history of America.

At the conclusion of the Smithsonian Institution are directed to afford all the facilities possible for the storage of the collection in the Smithsonian Institution or National Museum. The association is authorized to hold real estate to the value of \$500,000 in the District of Columbia, and its offices are to be in Washington.

Mr. McMillin, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported the resolution offered by Mr. Hooker, providing for a recess of Congress from December 21 to January 7. The committee recommended an amendment changing the date of re-convening to Friday, January 4. Some opposition being manifested to the amendment the ayes and noes were demanded. The amendment was lost by a vote of 78 yeas to 108 nays, and the resolution was agreed to, providing for a recess from December 21 to January 7.

A resolution was reported appropriating \$2,000 additional for the expenses of the select committee appointed to investigate the importation of contract labor.

Mr. Dunham of Illinois asked how much had already been appropriated.

Mr. Snowden replied that \$5,000 had been expended, and the additional sum asked for was necessary to pay the expenses incurred.

Mr. Dunham said he thought the committee had been a "junketing" one. Five members comprised it, and they had spent \$7,000—over a thousand dollars to each member. He thought that indicated some junketing, and wished to know what the money had been spent for.

Mr. Ford explained that it had been for necessary expenses.

The resolution was agreed to.

Upon the call of States for the introduction of bills, the following were offered:

By Mr. McKee, a bill to settle accounts between the United States and the State of Arkansas.

When the call of States commenced, an intention to filibuster was evidenced by the opponents of the Oklahoma bill, who were at the head of the Treasury.

As each bill was reported the reading of it was demanded.

THE TREASURY PORTFOLIO.

Senator Allison Denies That He Has Been Offered It.

Senator Allison was told this morning by a representative of the United Press of the rival of the report that he had been offered the position of Secretary of the Treasury under President Harrison, and that he had accepted the offer. Mr. Allison said: "There is no truth in that statement."

Mr. Allison's friends in the Senate say that they do not believe he will accept the position of Secretary of the Treasury if it is offered to him. They believe he prefers life in the Senate, and that his Presidential ambition is strong enough to keep him out of what is regarded as a Presidential graveyard—the Cabinet.

Liquor Licenses Approved.

The applications of the following for barroom licenses were approved to-day:

Mary C. Shea, 1103 Third street; Patrick B. Dunn, 1123 Q street; George Muller, 330 Eighth street northwest and Wm. H. Booker, 1229 D street southeast; Geo. Egloff, 200 Third street southeast.

Wholesale licenses were granted to F. J. Kane, 237 G street; T. J. Meany, 1770 T street; James A. Stewart, 1014 Seventh street; Ellen Doyle, 412 K street; J. C. Poind, T. J. Henshaw, northwest; J. H. Seely, Fourth and a-half street southeast; T. Lewis, Grant Road; David Crouch, 101 M street northeast.

Burial Permits Issued.

Burial permits have been issued during the past forty-eight hours by the Health Officer, as follows: Lucinda E. Brisley, 74 years; Mary E. Reinezel, 28 years; Rosa A. Kilwell, 18 years; Letitia M. Stout, 84 years; Howard S. Edgeline, 1 year; Frederick K. Tally, 23 years; Herbert H. Mitchell, 29 years; Annie Nielsen, 1 year; Bridget Craig, 55 years; William W. Croghan, 64 years; and colored: James A. Stewart, 8 days; Ray Barnard, 2 months; Catherine Saunders, 37 years; Elizabeth, 32 years; Maria A. Moxly, 2 years; Chedwick Bruce, 55 years; Joe Foreman, 49 years.

Silver loses one-fifth of its weight for every year it lies submerged under salt water. In heating on 100 bags of Spanish coin last 50 years ago you can count only on the bags and how many oats they would hold.—(Detroit Free Press.)

POWDER AND BALL.

An Affray in the County in Which One Man Is Shot.

Five pistol-shots rang out in rapid succession from the corner of Seventh and Pomeroy streets in the county at just 12 o'clock last night. Officers Appleton and J. J. Smith rushed to the spot and found two men covered with blood who gave their names as James J. Sullivan and Antonio Reagen. They were placed under arrest and carried to the Eighth Precinct station.

In Sullivan's hand was discovered a 38-American bullet revolver, sprinkled with the blood which was flowing from his wounds. He had a bullet through his leg, and the physician at Freedman's Hospital, where he was taken, at first thought that he had also been shot in the head, but discovered that the latter wound was nothing more serious than a cut.

Sullivan stated that Reagen had fired five shots at him, but just before he fell he had succeeded in wresting the revolver from his hand and thus had it when the officers appeared. Reagen claims to have been hit in the head with a brick, and that he was merely defending himself from an attack.

Inquiry at Freedman's Hospital elicited the information that Sullivan was doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances. His condition is not critical. The case has been postponed indefinitely, awaiting the result of Sullivan's injuries.

An Attempted Suicide.

Henry Logue, a man of 43 years of age, who came here from Pottstown, Pa., last week and enlisted in the Marine Corps, attempted to kill himself yesterday morning at the Marine Barracks by shooting himself through the head. He placed the muzzle of a Springfield rifle in his mouth and pulled the trigger by means of a string attached to one foot. The ball lodged in the back of his neck near the spinal column. He was taken to the Naval Hospital. Even should he survive his power of speech is destroyed. He had been drinking hard for a couple of days prior to the suicidal attempt. He had already served three terms in the Marine Corps.

OPPOSED TO ALLEYS.

The Bill Recently Introduced in the House Has Many Supporters.

The bill recently introduced in the House to prohibit the District Commissioners from issuing permits for the erection of dwelling houses in alleys has the support of some of the most extensive and responsible real estate dealers and property-owners in the District.

Alleys are considered by many as detrimental to the proper and healthful growth of a residence city, as the tendency with them is to build up the streets in solid rows and blocks of houses. Buffalo is a striking instance of a city without alleys, and the result is that it is a city of detached houses with lawns.

A wealthy real estate owner stated to an Evening Post reporter that he was against alley houses as they are increasing principally because the alleys depreciate the value of contiguous property in some of the best streets and neighborhoods in Washington.

As a partial result of the evil he referred to the portion of Sixteenth street immediately below Scott Circle, and stated that it is being abandoned to some extent; and that land is depreciated in value on account of Blagden's alley, between M and N and Ninth and Tenth streets. As other examples he referred to Octavius alley, between Sixth and Eighth streets, the alleys between Twelfth and Thirteenth and S and Boundary streets, and said this alley nuisance is not caused by lack of building lots, because there are acres of building lots in East and South Washington that can be had at moderate prices.

He predicts that a plague will visit this city as a final fruit of this alley-house nuisance, as the alley population of Washington to-day is counted by the thousands, which mode of life is detrimental to body and soul.

LOOKING AFTER QUARTERS.

The Secretary of the Home Market Club of Boston Here.

Secretary Radcliffe of the Home Market Club of Boston was at inauguration headquarters to-day looking for quarters for the 600 members of that club who will come to the inauguration.

General W. L. Alexander, Adjutant-General of Iowa, General Thomas F. Rick, Adjutant-General of Vermont, and Adjutant-General F. W. Seely of Minnesota, have accepted their nominations to the Military Committee.

General James Longstreet, who was nominated to the Reception Committee, accepted to-day.

Explosions in Boston.

Two explosions occurred in Boston on Saturday night in a building in what is known as the "Dumpp," and occupied by McMillen & Co., E. C. Tuttle and Puffer Bros. The building was shattered to fragments by the first explosion, and fairly pulverized by the second. The loss to its occupants and surrounding properties is estimated at \$30,000 to \$40,000. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Her Insanity Caused Her Death.

Mrs. Caroline Schmitt, the young wife who, during a temporary fit of insanity threw her two children to their death down an air shaft at their residence in East Seventy-sixth street, New York, and then leaped after them, sustaining a compound fracture of the skull, died yesterday. She and her husband had come from Germany seven years ago, and only had the two children who were killed.

AT THE HOTELS.

A number of the members of the Kellogg Opera Company are quartered at the Harris House.

E. M. Ryan of Philadelphia and H. B. Brinder of Chicago are at the Harris House.

Joseph Jefferson, wife and son; Mike Newton of Pittsburg and Albert de Bordes Rigues of Paris are stopping at Welcker's.

Hon. Warner Miller of New York came to town last evening and registered at the Arlington.

John M. Avery and Charles W. Whitney of Louisiana; J. Barrett, Chicago; E. T. Higgins and William Hancock Clark, New York, are at Chamberlain's.

General Parke of West Point, W. P. Clough of St. Paul and Winousa S. Pierce of New York are at Wormley's.

K. MacLeod of Chicago; Logan H. Roots of Arkansas; A. M. Flower, Chicago; E. Rosewater, the well-known editor of Omaha, and E. L. Howland of New York are at the Riggs House.

Henry E. Knox, Jr., Norfolk; W. W. Gordon, North Carolina, and A. J. W. Mims, Minnesota, are at Willard's.

Signor Perugini, Mr. Leonard Labatt and Miss Avery, members of Kellogg's Opera Company; Governor Ellingham, Lee and State Senator H. T. Wickham of Richmond, Va.; John McEwen and Hugh Reilly of Albany, N. Y., are at the Arlington.

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THE COLLEGE'S REPLY.

WHAT THE OFFICERS SAY ABOUT THE DISSECTING ROOM.

The Charges Answered by Affidavits Denying the Principal Assertions—Some of the Students Make Statements Showing the Carelessness of Some Women.

The case of the St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum against the Medical Department of the Georgetown University, in which an injunction is asked for to prevent the use of the building for dissecting purposes, came up in court to-day.

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Whittier's Eighty-first Birthday.

DANVERS, MASS., Dec. 17.—John G. Whittier, the venerable poet, today reached his eightieth birthday at his winter home at Oak Knoll, one of his most favorite residences. The day was observed in the poet's modest way, receiving friends, neighbors and others. Whittier is in fairly good health, but rarely goes out and then not far from his home.

A Clergyman Suspended.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The Rev. John F. Heoper, pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church at Morrisania, has been suspended from the ministry. This action is on account of the recent decision of the California courts granting Heoper's wife a divorce on the ground of his cruel and inhuman treatment of her.

RAILROAD AFFAIRS.

Interesting Interviews With Commissioners Fink and Chaney.

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